

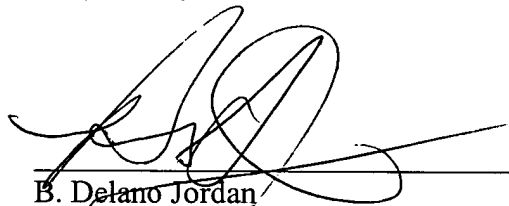
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 19 are presented for examination in the instant application. By this Preliminary Amendment, the Specification and claims 3-5, 7, 10-13, 16-18 and 20 have been canceled. Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 220-4275.

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